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Communities Receive \$755,000 in Water Funds

Grants to Improve Critical Infrastructure Systems Assist more than 1,230 Households

Columbus – Two Ohio communities will receive funds totaling \$755,000 to make critical improvements to their water systems. The grants are from the federally funded Water and Sanitary Sewer Program, which is administered by the Ohio Department of Development's Office of Community Development.

"These investments are critical to the infrastructure in these communities and are the basis for a safe and healthy living environment," said Mike Hiler, Deputy Chief for the Office of Community Development.

Village of Spencerville (Allen County) will receive \$600,000 to construct a new water treatment facility. The estimated project cost is more than \$3.1 million, and will benefit 850 households.

Village of Syracuse (Meigs County) will receive \$155,000 to install 7,380 linear feet of waterline. The estimated project cost is more than \$390,000, and will benefit 382 households.

*The **Water and Sanitary Sewer Program** is administered by the Ohio Department of Development's Office of Community Development and helps local governments maintain, improve, and expand water and sanitary sewer systems. Applications for the program are accepted on a continuous basis and are rated against the following criteria: number of persons expected to benefit from the project, ability to leverage funds, program impact, program readiness, and the community's financial capacity and rate structure. Communities with documented health and safety concerns receive priority for funding.*

*The **Office of Community Development**, located with the Ohio Department of Development's Community Services Division, provides financial and technical assistance to units of local government and nonprofit organizations in Ohio for project activities that benefit low- and moderate-income citizens.*

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